GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SCHOLARSHIP TO SC/ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of programmes being implemented in the country particularly in Bihar and Jharkhand states by the Union Government and the state Government for granting scholarships to the students of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether the Government are aware that some non- governmental organisations are also implementing such programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of students benefited from such governmental and non-governmental programmes;

(e) whether any irregularities have been noticed in the implementation of these programmes;

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check them; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (g): Information in respect of State Sector programmes are not maintained Centrally. Ministry of Human Resource Development implements the Scheme of scholarship at the secondary stage for talented children from rural areas, in which out of 43000 scholarships, 13000 scholarships are allocated to SC/ST students all over the country, subject to fulfilment of criteria laid down. Similarly, under the National Talent Search Scheme two hundred twenty five scholarships are allocated to SC/ST students. Besides, the Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs also implement the following schemes for SCs & STs through State/UT Governments:

i) Post Matric Scholarship scheme (number of beneficiaries- 17 lakh SC students and 5.39 lakh ST students for the year 2001-2002).
ii) Pre Matric Scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations (number of beneficiaries- 4.75 lakh students for the year 2001-2002).
iii) National Overseas Scholarship scheme for higher studies for SCs & STs (Not implemented through State/UT Governments).

So far, no irregularities have been reported from the States of Bihar & Jharkhand in the implementation of these programmes.